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Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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In re Application of: Qi Qu et al. §
Serial No.: 10/623,044 §
Filed: July 18, 2003 §
For: Method of Reclaiming Brine
Solutions Using an Organic Chelant §

Examiner: Peter A. Hruskoci
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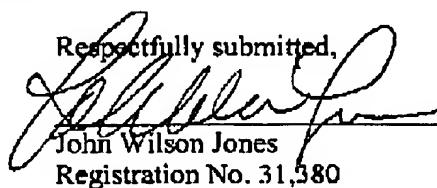
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Dear Sir:

Supplementing Applicants' response to the FINAL Rejection of 2 February 2006 (the original response having been filed on April 13, 2006), Applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer in order to more fully address the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-5, 8, 15, 18, 19, 39, 40 and 52-55 and 57 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-27 of co-pending application No. 11/145,281. Applicants further submit a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) signed by the assignee of the instant application.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should he deem it prudent to expedite the prosecution to this application.

Dated: April 26, 2006

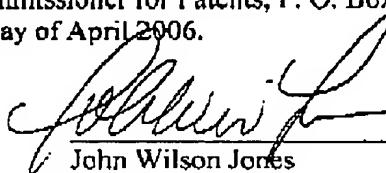
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